

# The Northfield Press

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## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE OVER WHAI BY COMBINED CHOIRS OF THE SCHOOLS

The annual Christmas Carol Service at the Northfield School for Girls will be broadcast by Station

### Perform Play For The Washington Trip Fund

The Northfield High School presented the play "Kathy the Great" by Carol Bednett, at the town hall, 8 p. m., Dec. 3, 1948. Produced by special arrangement with the Heuer Publishing Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa and directed by Miss Evelyn Lawley, with the following cast:

Kathy Barlow - Vera Allen  
Anne Barlow - Mary Ann Wozniak  
Betty Marshall - Mary Laplante  
Jim Deming - Irwin Severance  
Jack Forbes - Richard Whitney  
Frank Lawrence - Russell Bigelow  
Mr. Jenkins - Joseph Hilmom, Jr.  
Mr. Travis - Albert Clough  
Mrs. Atwater - Agnes Duda  
Mrs. Kendall - Marion Andrew  
Mrs. Marshall - Rita Mello

Candy was sold between the acts by Iris Whitney, Janet Mankowsky, Eleanor Fisher and Jean Welch. George Leonard had charge of the tickets. Manuel Mello helped with the staging.

"O for a Muse of fire, that would ascend  
The brightest heaven of invention!  
A kingdom for a stage, princes to act,  
And monarchs to behold the swelling scene!  
And let us, ciphers to this great account,  
On your imaginary forces work.  
Piece out our imperfections with your thoughts:  
Into a thousand parts divide one man,  
And make imaginary paces;  
Think, when we talk of horses,  
that you see them  
Printing their proud hoofs i' the receiving earth;  
For 'tis your thoughts that now must deck our kings,  
Carry them here and there; jumping o'er times,  
Turning the accomplishment of many years  
Into an hour glass; for the which supply,  
Admit me Chorus to this history;  
Who, prologue-like, your humble patience pray,  
Gently to hear, kindly to judge, our play."

HENRY V (CHORUS)  
Shakespeare

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WHAI of Greenfield Sunday, December 12, from 8 to 9 p. m. under the direction of Albert R. Raymond, choral director of the Northfield Schools. The traditional program will be presented by the school's five choirs assisted by the two choirs from Mount Hermon School. Several numbers will be sung by the massed choirs totalling 600 voices with the congregation invited to participate.

The program will include numbers from Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "Magnificat" as well as familiar and traditional carols and choral music. The solo part of "Sleep, Little Dove," an old Alsatian Noel, will be sung by Ruth Strobel, a Northfield student from Richmondville, New York, with the refrain carried by Northfield's Estey Chorus and Mount Hermon's A Cappella Choir. The accompanists will be Miss Marlon Keller, organist, head of Northfield's Music department and Miss Viva Faye Richardson, pianist, a member of the music faculty.

Christmas vacation at the Northfield School for Girls will begin December 16 and will come to a close January 5. The students at Mount Hermon School will leave December 15 and will return Jan. 4. Guest preacher at the Sunday morning worship service at Russell Sage Chapel at 11:00 a. m. will be Dr. A. Graham Baldwin, chaplain of Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. The Sunday speaker at Mount Hermon will be Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, in Memorial chapel at 10:30 a. m.

Guest speaker at the Northfield School for Girls chapel service Friday, December 10, will be the Rev. Edward C. Dahl, minister of the Centre Congregational Church in Brattleboro, Vermont.

### County Red Cross Meets in Greenfield

The annual meeting of the County Chapter of the American Red Cross will take place at the Courthouse in Greenfield at 11 a. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14. A. Gordon Moody and William F. Hoehn local directors will attend.

## Republicans Call Their Town Caucus Next Tuesday Evening At The Town Hall

The Republican Town Caucus will be held next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock in the Town Hall (December 14, 1948) in conformity to the state law which governs such sessions.

It will be the purpose to nominate candidates for the various town offices to be voted at the annual town election which will take place the first Monday in February. The various offices to be filled are listed in the advertisement in this newspaper.

The caucus will be called to order by George McEwan as chairman of the Republican Town committee with Mrs. Dorothy L. Miller as secretary. The first order of business will be the choosing of the chairman for the meeting and the selection of the clerk. Then the business of making nominations will be undertaken and it

### Calendar of Events

December 10,  
Unitarian Church School Teachers and officers meeting.  
December 12,  
Christmas Carol singing by 600 boys and girls from the Northfield Schools over WHAI. 8 to 9 p. m.  
December 13,  
Boy Scout meeting.  
Girl Scout meeting, 3:30 p. m.  
P. T. A. picnic supper at 6:30 p. m. Meeting at 8 p. m.  
Dr. Low speaker.  
State Line Fellowship meeting.  
J. E. Bushnell, speaker  
December 14,  
Republican Caucus, Town Hall, 8 p. m.  
Legion Auxiliary Christmas party  
December 15,  
VFW OPEN HOUSE, Town Hall, 8 p. m.  
December 19,  
Congregational Church Christmas Vesper Service, 5 p. m.  
December 20,  
Friendly Class meeting.  
December 21,  
Brotherhood meeting.  
December 22,  
VFW meeting, Grange Hall 8 p. m.  
December 25,  
Congregational Church Sunday School Christmas party.  
December 27,  
Pilgrim Fellowship holiday dance at town hall.

### Northfield Post 9874 On the Air Again

The Northfield Post 9874 of the V. F. W. will be on the air again Saturday, Dec. 12, at 4:45 over Station WHAI, presenting the 98th in a series of "Speak Up for Democracy" programs prepared by the National Americanism Department, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

William Nelson, of the Northfield Post, will be the speaker on the Saturday broadcast.

### Press To Aid in Poll For 10 Top Stories

Invitations have been extended to 25 editors from all parts of the nation to participate in a panel selection of the 10 top news stories of 1948.

The PRESS was invited to join in this nation-wide survey, and accordingly a list of the top stories in the nation for the year was forwarded to the Publisher's Auxiliary, the trade journal for weekly newspapers.

### Dr. Dean At Boston Physicians' Meeting

Dr. F. Wilton Dean was recently called to Boston to a special meeting of counsellors of the Massachusetts Medical Society as the representative from Franklin County. The purpose of the meeting was to form a committee, called the Massachusetts Physicians Committee, to bring before the people of Massachusetts the facts, says Dr. Dean, "about the pending threat to our American Way of Life in the form of compulsory health insurance or more accurately called 'Political Medicine'." This is certain to be a big issue in the next Congress and it is important that everyone understand the issue.

## Putney, Vt., Adopts A Small French Town

Putney, Vt., just north of Brattleboro, has adopted the little French town of HUBERT FOLIE under the auspices of THE MEDWAY PLAN.

People and organizations in the small Vermont town have already begun to send aid and letters to their little village on the Normandy coast.

Greater impetus is given the adoption program, with the addition of Putney to the list of adopters. More than 50 towns and cities in the United States are now included in the list of adopting towns under the Medway Plan.

### Seek Rate Increase Motion is Before DPU

A wage boost last September and other increased operating expenses require an additional 7 per cent increase in the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company's revenues in Massachusetts, the company told the Department of Public Utilities, December 2, 1948.

The company asked the department to consider this amount along with the 15 per cent increase on intrastate operations proposed last April, which includes 5 per cent actually in effect on a temporary basis since July, 1947.

The total increase of 22 per cent now asked, the company said, is small by comparison with the practically doubled prices people in Massachusetts are paying today for food, fuel and other necessities. The company also quoted big price increases on the materials it buys to maintain service.

Basic telephone wage rates have gone up 90 per cent during the past eight years, the company reported. This rise together with an increase of 60 per cent in the number of employees has jumped its annual payroll to over \$70 million—or more than two and one half times its prewar level.

President Joe E. Harrell of the company said the proposed revenue increase is the minimum necessary to permit the company to go forward with its program to give Massachusetts the good telephone service the state needs.

## HUNTING SEASON OPENS WITH A BANG HUNTER WOUNDED, AS THE SHOT FLIES

The first deer hunting accident of the season in the state was reported from town, when William Metzler, 41, of Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, was shot twice at 8:30

a. m., Dec. 6, while hunting near the rear of the Perry house.

The first shot entered the left forearm slightly, and the second shot badly battered the right arm. His companion, Addison Taylor of Medford put a tourniquet around the right arm of the wounded man and rushed him to the office of Dr. Samuel Whitney of Orange. After treatment he was transferred to the Heywood Memorial hospital in Gardner.

The identity of the hunter who shot Metzler had not been determined up to late Thursday evening. Taylor, who was with the wounded man, assisted State Patrolman Edward M. Carey of the Shelburne Falls barracks in the preliminary investigation.

An operation was performed on the injured man's arm Tuesday, and his condition was reported as fair.

Another odd incident took place Sunday evening, the night before the hunting season opened, when the family of Mrs. Flora Moore was awakened by the crash of a bullet through a dining room window. The bullet, nearly spent, struck the ceiling and fell to the floor. Deputy Sheriff Martin E. Vorce was notified, he referred the case to Game Warden Thomas J. McShane of Greenfield.

Incomplete returns indicate that at least five local men have bagged deer: Frank Huber, Freddie Stone, Paul Carpenter, Domenic Duda with Frank Stratton.

### Todd Duncan To Sing Sun., Dec. 12, 3 P. M.



TODD DUNCAN

Todd Duncan, well known and popular Negro baritone who is appearing on the concert stage will sing Sunday December 12, at the Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro at three o'clock. Mr. Duncan will appear under the auspices of the Brattleboro Community Concert Association. Mr. Duncan is well known in Northfield and has visited here often staying at the Northfield Hotel, while his son was a student at Mount Hermon School. He also appeared in a concert in the Auditorium some two years ago.

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## NORTHFIELD REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

A Caucus of the enrolled Republican voters of the Town of NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, December 14, 1948 at eight o'clock to nominate candidates for election at the annual meeting of the Town on Monday, February 7, 1949, as follows:

Town Clerk for one year  
Treasurer for one year  
One selectman for three years  
Moderator for one year  
Tax Collector for one year  
School Committee, one member for three years  
Library Trustees, two members for three years  
Library Trustee, one member for two years (to fill vacancy)

Assessor, one for three years  
Cemetery Commissioner, one for three years  
Tree Warden for one year  
Four Constables for one year (one from Northfield Farms)

Planning Board, one member for five years and to transact such other business as may legally come before the caucus. The caucus is held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of the General Laws and amendments thereto and will be called to order by the Chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

George McEwan, Chairman  
Dorothy L. Miller, Secretary

Northfield, December 6, 1948



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Dear Santa,

Each year, along about this time, we begin to think about hanging the ol' stocking — the big one we save for such occasions.

This year we want to find a "Merry Christmas" in the stocking — IF it is within your power to make! If — IF — the nations of the world could meet in brotherly understanding — the U. N. could be strengthened so as to be effective — the Chinese could build instead of destroy their nation — the Jews could agree on what they want in Palestine — Joe and Harry were on holiday terms — the broken bodies and shattered minds of war victims had one day's respite from pain — all those who despair could have a little hope — Camiers were warm, and fed, and happy tonight — every one could hear the story of Jesus —

These are only some of the things we would like to find in our stocking on Christmas Day — but use your own judgment, ol' man, maybe we don't deserve such gifts!

Faithfully,  
The Staff

## NEW ARRIVALS

LILLY

In Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Dec. 2, a son, Donald Earl Lilly, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lilly of Northfield; grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly of West Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell of West Chesterfield, N. H.; and great grandson to Mrs. Emily Lilly of West Northfield.

## Church Calendar

### TRINITARIAN

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
Sunday, December 12,

9:55 a. m., Special program for all families of Church School in the vestry. Christmas carols, pictures of the Christmas story, and the children will present their New Church Building Fund Banks.

10:00 a. m., Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m., Public Worship, sermon subject, "Pauper, Prince, and Pioneer." Music by the Junior and Senior Chorus. Preschool age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m., Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will leave the church to attend the Christmas Concert at Sage Chapel.

Christmas music by the choir and the one-act play, "Why the Chimes Rang," will be presented in a vesper service at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon, December 19, at five o'clock.

The Christmas party for the families of the Church School will be held in the vestry on Thursday evening, December 23. The Friendly Class will serve the supper at 6:00. Each family is asked to contribute food or money.

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship are sponsoring a holiday dance in the Northfield Town Hall, Monday evening, December 27, music by Dick Perry's orchestra.

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone  
Services every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School, 11:4 a. m.  
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.  
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.  
Weekly Prayer meeting, Thursdays at 7:45 p. m.

### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.  
Sunday, December 12,

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m., Service and Sermon.

### ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor.  
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor  
Sunday, December 12,

10:30 a. m., Service and Sermon, "The Word of God."

11:30 a. m., Sunday School.

7:00 p. m., Prayer and Praise  
Wednesday, December 15,  
MM-week prayer service

## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Dear Editor:

While mixing my paste, and sharpening my scissors last week in preparation for writing this week's paper, I began to brood about Ghengis Khan. I always brood about Ghengis Khan when I mix my paste, for a finer consistency seems to result. This of course seems to point out a moral — whenever you mix paste, brood. I might add, that if you don't get letters from your readers, don't get to brooding — your paste will suffer, and then what will happen to the paper next week? Which of course is a very good question, that even Clifton Finnegan could not answer.

Remember too, with all the experience you are getting in the making of paste, if you lose your job, you can always hang wall-paper — which of course does not pay you as well as running a tidy little newspaper. At least it is tidy.

So I leave you now, with the thoughts of the late Ghengis Khan — yours in paste,

Sincerely,  
The Editor.

## THE OVERSEAS



A letter to Helen Alden Ropes.  
Camiers, France  
October 26, 1948

Dear Little Friend,

This morning starting for school, what a joy it was to receive a letter coming from America! At noon I hurried to have it translated into French by a Scotsman who has staid in France since the 1914-18 War. My family is composed of my father who is a mason; in winter he cannot work because of rheumatism with he suffers; my mother keeps house, my big sister 19 years old, Huguette, my sister Nicole 14 years old goes to school, my little brother Francis 6 years is beginning to go to school and I Monique, 12 years, go to school also. I'll describe the town of Camiers; it is made up of a preventorium (Sanatorium) for bone cases; the sea is about two miles from the town; the hamlets are St. Cécile Beach and St. Gabriel Beach; the Touquet Paris Beach is about 14 miles from Camiers. Most of the inhabitants of Camiers are fishermen. The town is located between hills on one side and the sea on the other. I am happy to correspond with a little American friend. I am sending you a picture of myself which was taken at school. Next time I shall send you the whole family. I thank you very much for sending the parcel. I have a little black dog; its name is Diana. Greetings to all your family. My parents join me in thanking you. A little friend who thinks of you.

Monique Morgolle

To Mabel H. Greenridge:

30 November 1948

Dear Mademoiselle:

I want to thank you for the nice parcel which you sent me. It was a joy to see all those lovely things which delight me. My mother joins me in thanking you; that relieves her, for being alone in bringing us up, she has a good deal of care. I hope you are in good health as do my brothers, my sister and mother. I am enclosing my picture as well as one of mother, brothers and sister. I hope you will be pleased with it. I stay at home to take care of the family of younger ones while mother is out working. I do all I can to help her, the older ones (of the children) go to school; my little brother Marcel, who is four, stays with me; he is a little devil and it's too bad there isn't a nursery school. Once more, I thank you sincerely and I am very happy to have these beautiful things for mother has never been able to get them for me. And mother also sends you her thanks. I send you my greetings (friendship) as do mother, my brothers and my sister.

Good kisses from a little friend,

Michelle Brevier

P. S. Just now I have received your nice card, I thank you for it very much and thanks in advance for the second parcel which you have sent me. Mother joins me in sending her thanks. I am enclosing the ages of my brothers and sister.

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The first rays of the early morning sun rising above the eastern hills illuminated the sleeping face of Preserved Smith. He lay on the ground with his head pillowed on a log. The same log that had proved so unsafe last night when John Hutchinson had scared his appetite away — almost.

The night had been quiet, with only the splashing brook breaking into the stillness of the night. Preserved and I had taken our turns on watch, but sleep didn't come too easy for me, because Preserved was, I had discovered, capable of sleeping soundly with both eyes open. This was no place for that.

Uncle Eb had sternly warned us that Canada Indians had but recently left Coasset. No telling where they had gone.

With the sun nearly over the highest of the hills it was time to disturb the dreamless slumber of Preserved. "Preserved, it's time to be up and around, with the day nearly gone."

Preserved had a little difficulty closing his mouth and opening his eyes, but he finally awkwardly rose into a sitting position, yawned, and asked, "Has John come with the food yet?"

"Typical words I thought, no question of Indians, nor of the last hours of the watch — just, when do we eat? It the Indians ever got to Preserved they could take his scalp, he'd never miss it, but take his stomach, and he would be lost."

"No he hasn't," I replied, "Uncle Eb wants us to come back with the rest of them, they plan to look over the home lots and the interval land."

"You know, Benjie," Preserved said in a low tone, "I could have sworn I saw them devils jumping from rock to rock across the brook. It seemed to me like there was one of them behind every tree. I guess I was just hungry."

With that he laughed, and we went up the trail, and soon were around the small cooking fire of the others.

"Welcome back," called Uncle

Eb, "and I see that Preserved is with you Benjie, I could have sworn I heard the Indians carrying him off last night. Were you snoring Preserved, well no matter, time we were on the way."

"You want me to start from the north end Eb?" asked John Hutchinson. "I'll take Isaac here with me."

"Good," said Uncle Eb, "and see that you mark them close, we want no arguments when the others get here."

"What do you want of me Uncle Eb," I asked immediately knowing I shouldn't have, for Uncle Eb always had thought a thing through.

"You and Preserved go up the west side of the old highway, and you know where that is, we came along it before we camped for the night. You're to note how many home lots there are, and if you can find the lines. Understand? You look, Benjie, Preserved you take down what Benjie finds."

We nodded our heads in unison, and Uncle Eb said, "Good, on your way then, I want all this done by nightfall."

We set off through the underbrush, Preserved following close on my heels and puffing slightly.

"It looks as if this is the highway," I said bending down to peer along the old ruts, "let's get over to that higher clearing, Preserved, and perhaps we can see about where the huts were burned."

We easily made our way to the clearing, and turned to survey the area, when Preserved stooped over and said, "Look Benjie, here's something."

Then Preserved picked up a pair of boots, old, but recently worn.

"What do you make of that Benjie, they've been oiled and taken care of — Indians do you think?"

I took the boots from his hands, and looked at them closely, they were familiar, I remembered to look under the straps, and the initials "R. B." were there. I knew then. The boots had belonged — to my father!

(To be Continued)

## VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

### GI BILL LOANS

A veteran who served at any time between September 16, 1940 and July 25, 1947 and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable after at least 90 days active service (or for service-incurred disability in less than 90 days) may qualify for a GI loan.

Three types of loans are available: (1) to purchase, construct or improve a home; (2) to buy a farm, stock, feed and seed, farm machinery and other farm supplies and equipment; and (3) to buy a business or otherwise to enable a veteran to undertake a legitimate business venture.

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VA does not lend money to the veteran. He makes his own arrangements for the loan through the usual financing channels. VA then guarantees the lender against loss up to 50 percent of the loan, with a maximum guarantee of \$4,000 on real estate and \$2,000 on non-real estate loans.

VA also pays the lender, for credit to the veteran's loan account, a sum equal to 4 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. This is a gift to the veteran and not a loan.

Farm realty loans may be made repayable in up to 40 years; other realty loans, in up to 25 years, and non-realty loans, in up to 10 years. The interest rate normally may not exceed 4 percent a year on the unpaid balance.

Veterans have until July 25, 1957 in which to apply for GI loans.

\*For exceptions, see Armed Forces Recruitment Act Enlistees on Page 7.

## WINTER Sports

### New Hampshire Winter Events

Announced

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 26 —

Some of the winter carnivals and competitive sports events which will draw thousands to Granite State snow centers this winter have been announced and are listed below. Other events will be announced as soon as plans are complete.

Winter Carnivals and Celebrations

Dec. 26. Opening ceremonies and events, Mt. Sunapee State Park (Note: Mt. Sunapee chair lift will begin operating Dec. 15 if snow conditions warrant.)

Jan. 12. Winter Carnival, Lancaster.

Jan. 22, 23, Winter Carnival, Jackson.

Jan. 28, 29, 30, 33rd Annual Winter Carnival, Newport.

Jan. 25, 26, 27, 30 Winter Carnival, Wolfeboro.

Feb. 11, 12. Dartmouth Carnival, New Hampshire Races of the New England Sled Dog Club

Jan. 1. Tamworth - Wonalancet - Chocoma.

Jan. 8, 9. Fitzwilliam.

Jan. 15, 16. Pittsfield

Jan. 22, 23, Jackson (pending.)

Feb. 12, 13. Colebrook (pending.)

Races on week days start at 10 a. m. and on Sundays at 1 p. m.

Watch newspapers for possible changes.

## School Activities

Fourteen pupils from the public schools started music lessons this week. Mr. Minot of Gibbons Music House in Greenfield will be the teacher. The pupils taking part are: Barbara Griswold, saxophone; Duane Griswold, trumpet; Donald Williams, Clarinet; Seth Parker, trombone; Dean Lapehear,

trumpet; Betty Holton, saxophone; David Scott, cornet; Norman Porter, clarinet; James Gillespie, clarinet; Chester Gidd, clarinet; Russell Hutchins, snare drum; George Sheldon, saxophone; James Livingston, clarinet; Gerald Stebbins, baritone horn.

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## New Ski Folder For Winter Sports Fans

Skiing facilities in southwestern New Hampshire are well covered in an information folder published by the Monadnock Region Association. Pocket-sized for convenience its cover carries scenes from typical tow slopes in the area and unfolds to show other scenes as well as the answers to where to

"ski, skate, eat, sleep," transportation information and a suggestion that here is the "nearest good skiing."

Winter sports facilities in nineteen towns are represented in a four-column chart showing 16 towns, 21 skating rinks, 56 places to eat and 43 inns and homes prepared to serve winter enthusiasts. Tow operators and their phone numbers are given to facilitate easier check-

ing on ski conditions. The number accommodated, minimum and maximum rates and phone numbers are included in the "sleep" column.

Turning the folder, one finds a 12 by 16 inch map of the Monadnock Region which includes, altogether, 38 towns in this corner of New Hampshire just over the Massachusetts line. Ski facilities will be easily found, for colored figures of skiers have been printed on the

sides of the 16 towns, several trails and a jump. Towns at Temple Mt. in Temple and Gap Mt. in Troy reach an elevation of about 1900 ft. In Dublin 1500 ft. and in several other towns locations at over 1000 feet above sea level show this general area to be at an elevation high enough to enjoy better than average snow conditions. Most of the tow slopes are for family and intermediate skiers but at least two — Temple Mt. and Dublin — will keep the expert on the alert.

The base map was prepared by the State Planning & Development Commission. Free copies of the folder are available from their offices in Concord, New Hampshire, and Rockefeller Center, New York, from the New England Council in Boston or by mail request to Phil Darling, executive secretary of the Monadnock Region here at Peterborough.

## Historical Society Re-Elects Officers

A large number of members and guests attended the annual meeting of the Northfield Historical Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neal on Main street, Dec. 7. The annual election found all officers being reelected for another term: Miss Elsie S. Scott, president; Joseph Colton, vice-president and curator; Della White secretary; Mrs. Mildred Addison, treasurer; Mrs. Willis K. Parker, auditor. Directors reelected were Miss Scott, Mr. Colton, Mrs. Charles Neal, with Miss Amy Hamilton and Leon Dunnell being new additions this year.

The program consisted of Leon Dunnell reading a paper on the life of Jonas Chickering, pioneer piano manufacturer, whose company built the fine piano now in the rooms of the Historical Society. A piano was presented to the Society from the estate of Charles Stearns.

H. H. Morse recreated for his listeners an extraordinary period in the discovery of ancient biblical manuscripts, dealing primarily with the life and work of the German, Tischendorf.

Mrs. Charles Neal and Mrs. Martin Vorce served refreshments following the meeting and program.

## Northfield Post 9874 Holds an Open House

The Northfield Post 9874 of the VFW, will hold an OPEN HOUSE at the town hall on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 8 p. m.

All veterans are invited to attend, as well as the general public, for the program of motion pictures

and speakers will appeal to everyone.

The films will consist of the latest Army-Navy football game, combat films from World War II, and "Joe's Kid." The latter film depicts the VFW National Home for orphans of War veterans at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, where

children of all veterans, regardless of their service or affiliations with veterans organizations are cared for by all the posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the United States.

Several speakers, not yet announced, will be featured on the program.

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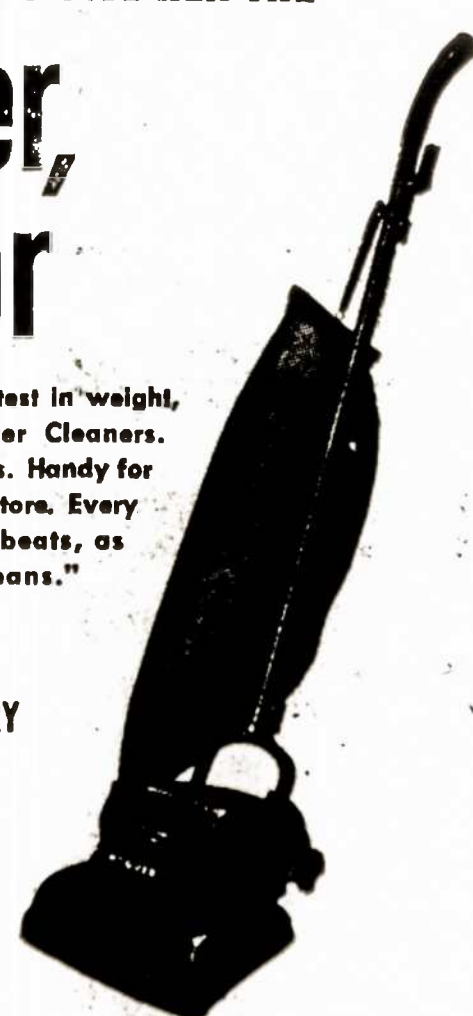
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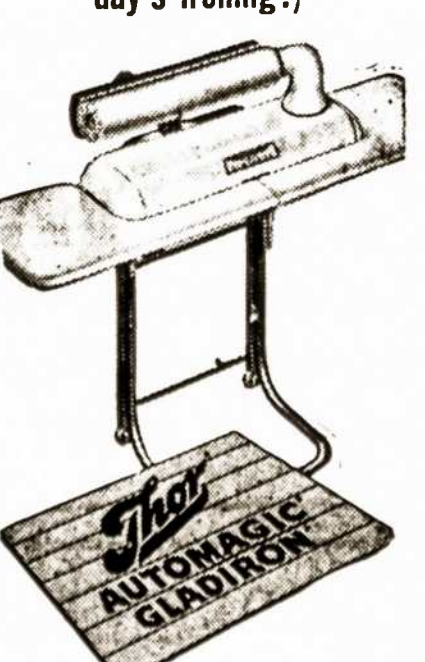
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## Your GARDEN

by Gertrude C. Whitney

**Composts and Conservation**  
The front page insert in the Northfield Press of November 26, concerning the folly of burning the fallen leaves in clearing up the yards for winter, was timely and especially important to Northfield people to whom the disposal of dead leaves is an annual problem. The article, copied from the New York Herald Tribune, states that 90 per cent of the value of the leaves is destroyed when burned, while all of the organic content can be conserved if they are mixed with the top soil and animal manure and thrown into the compost heap which every thrifty gardener accumulates in an inconspicuous place.

A good time to start a compost heap is in the spring, by making a bin without a bottom, approximately three to five feet high, and four by six feet, ground measurements, boxed in by second hand boards and supported by stakes. Into this should go the nicely rotted winter covering of one's flower beds and shrubs, whether leaves, pine needles, or straw, mixed with top soil. If one keeps hens, the weekly scrapings from the dropping boards containing sawdust or ashes, make a valuable alternate layer, not forgetting the dried pea and bean vines with their nitrogen-forming nodules, vegetable tops and in fact many bi-products of the kitchen which can't be used by the hens or animals about the place. Lime should be added from time to time and the whole mixture stirred up as it will be found to be soggy from the rain. Soot from stoves or furnace pipes is a valuable addition and, best of all, the fallen leaves in October. If weeds are thrown on the heap, seeds should first be burned, and that goes for corn stubble, with its menace of borers.

The compost heap need not be unsightly, for it can be placed in a convenient place in the back yard and screened from the passer-by with tall sunflowers, while fast-growing squash vines will seek its nourishment and completely cover it with a fine yield of squashes.

## Club NEWS

### P. T. A. To Hear Dr. Low At December 13 Meeting

The Northfield P. T. A. will have a buffet supper in the school lunch room at 6:30 Monday, Dec. 13.

Each member is asked to bring a hot dish, a pie or salad, and every member must bring their own dishes and silver.

Dr. M. B. Low of Greenfield, will speak on "Sex Problems with children". He will speak at 8 in Alexander Hall.

A double-quartet, composed of Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, James Gillespie, Charles White, Robert Barnes and George Leonard. They will sing a selection of Christmas carols.

A meeting of the executive committee was held Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McLean.

Those present were: Harold McLean, Alvin Porter, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, James Gillespie, I. J. Lawrence, George Leonard and Mrs. Charles White.

Refreshments were served.

### Fortnightly Meeting

Mrs. Robert Morgan was speaker at the Fortnightly meeting last Friday. Her talk, "A century of CLUB NEWS CONT."

was followed by short histories of each of the 35 quilts exhibited: a small one placed by Mrs. Nellie Handy when she was a girl; one by Mrs. Walter Doolittle of Montague City; an autographed quilt made by Mrs. Harold Bigelow's grandmother; a home-spun quilt owned by Mrs. E. M. Morgan; a paisley one loaned by Miss Alice Drake; a hand-woven coverlet owned by Mrs. Martin E. Vorce; several owned by Mrs. Clifford Field; a trundle bed quilt by Mrs. George Thompson; and modern ones owned by the late Mrs. Charles Johnson, Miss Maud Hamilton, Mrs. Robert Bonner Jack, Mrs. J. Lee Bolton, and Mrs. C. P. Buffum.

There was singing by a sextet, Mrs. Joseph Reeves, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs.

Gerald Quigley, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Jenny Warnock, with Mrs. George Leonard at the piano. The sextet was dressed in old-fashioned costume, before a setting of six old chairs loaned by L. Percy Goodspeed.

Tea hostesses were: Mrs. Ralph Sargent, Mrs. Edward M. Powell, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, and Mrs. Carroll Miller.

### WSO Plan Party

The WSO held a regular monthly meeting in Alexander Hall, Thursday, Dec. 2.

It was voted to have a Christmas party for WSO and VFW members only, the party to be held immediately following the VFW meeting, Dec. 8.

The following committee was elected to make arrangements and to solicit members for refreshments: Miss Lorraine Gings, Chairman; Mrs. Daniel O'Keefe, Mrs. Stanley Johnson and Mrs. Unto Hantunen; with the Christmas tree and decorations provided by Mrs. Ed Luciw and Mrs. Lloyd Clark.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Roy J. Fish and Mrs. Ralph Shindler.

## Shopping Around

We found a new place for you the other day — that is for people who wear glasses — they give you one day service on such things as bent bows, loose lenses — so if something like that happens to you when your lying up Christmas bundles, or counting neckties — drop in at Greenfield's newest optician — Henry C. Crosby — leave them there while you shop — pick them up on the way home — this of course is only for minor repairs — not major overhaul — not only do they fill your prescriptions — they style your glasses to express your personality, with thought and care of the appearance of your glasses — they feature plastic frames, with gold inlays — and a new kind of rimless glass where the lens stays in without screws, cement or solder — they do all the work on the premises — the laboratory and show room are one and the same — Henry C. Crosby has 14 years of experience as an optician — now operating his own business at 233 Main street, Greenfield over the new Army and Navy store for styling in the modern manner — quick repair service and the filling of prescriptions — Henry C. Crosby, Optician.

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## Armed Town

George Marshall of the Latch String, has been getting up early these last few days. He has been opening up at 5 a. m. to feed some of the early bird out-of-town hunters, he then takes off for the woods himself — no luck yet. Well, the first 8 years are the hardest, and the season is still open in N. H.

Dr. John W. Bennett has been named Chairman of the Program Committee for the Medical staff of the Farren Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. William F. Hoehn underwent a minor operation in Brattleboro last week. Her condition is reported good.

Major William M. Marshall is on the high seas bound for Tokyo, Japan.

The addition to the George H. Sheldon Co. is coming along, with all the walls up now. The work is being done by employees of the company.

Painting of the Webster Block is almost finished.

The State Highway Department recently made minor repairs on Main street.

No snow this week. The weather has been pretty mild, as compared to the scenes in this area this same time last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Way recently sailed to France on the liner America.

## Basketball SCOREBOARD

Installation of the P. T. A. sponsored basketball equipment in the town hall was completed this week. The first practice session was held last Tuesday afternoon with Walter Kenney, Irwin Severance, Russell Fisher, Joseph Blum, Russell Hutchins, Warren and Richard Whitney, with coach Harold McLean supervising. The first ball was thrown by Russell Parker.

In addition to the high school teams, the seventh and eighth grades will have an opportunity to begin regular practice.

### Willing Blood Donors Found in Northfield

The report of the Nursing service in Northfield for November by District Nurse Miss Barbara Mankowsky is as follows: Total number of visits 156 of which there were 58 of

chronic nature, 16 acute cases, 1 post partum visit, 10 visits made for adult health supervision, 2 for infant health supervision, 29 visits regarding school children, 9 tuberculosis contacts, 2 visits of which parents not at home and 29 people provided with transportation.

The State Red Cross Blood Mobile was in Turners Falls December 2nd, and the response from Northfield was certainly appreciated. Following is a list of people who willingly donated a pint of blood: Robert Thompson, Paul Thompson, Mrs. Donna Furcolo, Richard Hillier, Mrs. Flora Abbey, Robert Huber, Rev. Joseph Reeves, Elizabeth Darling, Robert Wert, Allison Kauthold, Fritz Kauthold, Elizabeth Durfee, Donna McKinley, Emily Carson, John Fletcher, Duncan Campbell, George Partridge, Sydney Given, Stanley Scripture, W. W. Sanderson, George Marshall, Ernest Kirmann and Leon Dunnell.

### Advent Christian News Conference at Church

There will be a party for the cradle roll children and their mothers at the parsonage this Friday evening.

The State Line Fellowship will meet at the church Monday evening, Dec. 13, at 7:45 p. m. Jason E. Bushnell of Vernon will show some of his pictures and speak. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a guest.

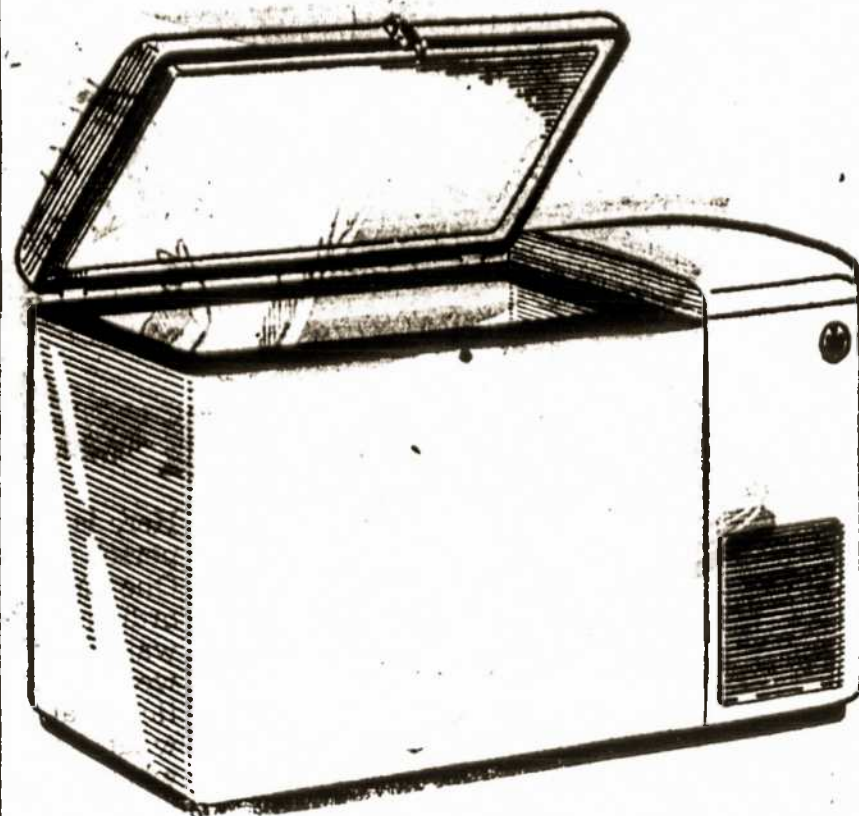
The Connecticut River Valley Bible conference will meet at the Advent Christian Church Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the morning at 10:30, and in the afternoon, The Rev. D. L. Campbell of Somerville, radio preacher and evangelist will speak in the afternoon.

The quarterly business meeting

of the Advent Christian Church will be held at the Church, Tuesday evening Dec. 14. Several items of business are to be considered. The Rev. Campbell will

also speak at this meeting. The annual Christmas exercises of the Sunday school will be held at the church Tuesday evening, Dec. 21.

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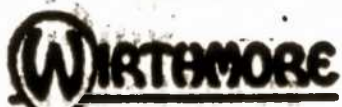
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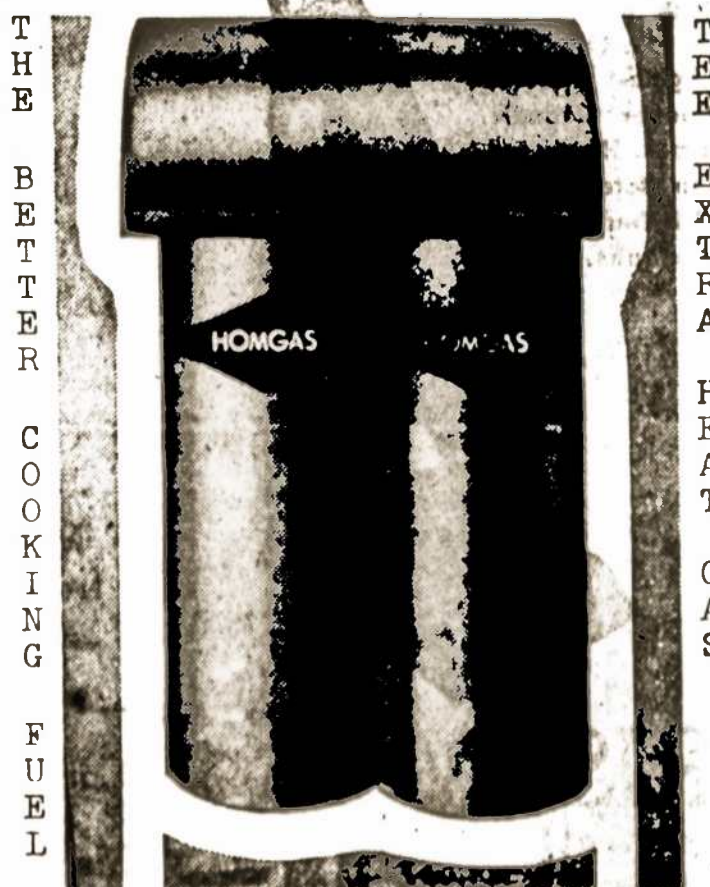
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A certain tract of land with buildings thereon, transferred by Herbert E. Buffum to Harold L. Laplante March 1, 1933, located partly in Northfield and partly in Vernon, Vermont, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the east side of the highway leading from Northfield to Vernon at the southwest corner of said Estate, thence running Easterly and southeasterly on land of said Herbert E. Buffum formerly of E. E. Belding) to a large elm tree now a stump, thence northerly to a highway leading to the freight railroad station at a point near corner of building now or formerly known as Ice House tenement or South Vernon Hall, thence westerly on said highway to a point formerly near hay scales on the highway leading from Northfield to Vernon, thence southerly on highway to place of beginning, containing one half acre more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to Edward B. and Clarence P. Buffum by deed dated January 1, 1907 and recorded at Franklin Registry of Deeds, Book 526, Page 356 and being the same premises conveyed to Herbert E. Buffum by will of said E. B. Buffum also conveying the right of driveway on south side of said buildings but, retaining rights of driveway on eastern part of said premises next to property, the above said Ice House Tenement or South Vernon Hall. Deed to Harold L. Laplante recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 773, Page 398.

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Organizations Join  
In Aiding Camiers

Several more organizations have joined the ranks of those participating in the adoption of Camiers. The Men's Bible Class of the Congregational Church will contribute to the program by helping out at least one family in the French town, while the Fortnightly is formulating plans to take an active part in the program.

Many more school children will soon join in the adoption, by writing to the school children of Camiers.

More clothing has been added to the collection, which has necessitated the packing of more crates for shipment overseas.

The PRESS has a complete file of all the needy individuals in Camiers, so all readers are invited to consult us if they desire to join in the adoption.

Plans are underway to secure other names from the town in order that many more people may begin a correspondence with a foster friend in Camiers.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT — The decline of 2% in Massachusetts' cost of living index over the three months to November 15 was due entirely to a reduction of about 6% in food, because the other four divisions of the index — clothing, shelter, fuel and sundries — all increased in cost during that period — Although the earliest sunset of the year in Boston, about 4:12 p. m., occurs between December 4 and 13, the latest sunrise, approximately 7:13 a. m., comes between December 30 and January 8 — sales of Series E government savings bonds in Massachusetts totaled \$188,840,000 during the first ten months this year, an increase of 16.7% over the same period a year ago; also \$153,772,000 of F and G bonds were bought in the State, making a total gain for the three series of 26.2% over 10 months last year, a record exceeded only by Connecticut — While abnormally high birth rate since 1941 will require greatly increased school facilities a few years hence, the U. S. Census Bureau estimates that the number of children in ages 5 to 17 in Massachusetts on July 1, 1947 was 64,000 less than April 1940, a drop of 7.3% — Dollar value of department store sales during October exceeded that a year ago by 7% in downtown Boston, and by 10% in both Worcester and Springfield — The State Planning Board has filed a bill in the Legislature authorizing cities and towns having parking meters to purchase and acquire off-street parking lots from the receipts of the meters.

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